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FROM: [Redacted]
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SUBJECT: Planning for the Index of Information
Released to the Public

1. Classified Agency documents daily are declassified or sanitized and released to the public. The Information and Privacy Staff releases such material in response to FOI, PA, or E.O. requests, and volumes of documents were released to the Congressional Committees in connection with the recent investigations. Adding to this, OLC continues to respond to new requests for release of material.

2. Although not technically "in the public domain," many OSS and predecessor agency documents have been declassified and can be released. When the 30 year review program is established, even more information will be available for release. Notwithstanding all of the above, there is no central index to date to record and notify others of this volume of declassified information officially released or releasable through any of the above means.

3. The requirement for such an index is obviously urgent and stems from the NSC directive implementing E.O. 11652 and just plain common sense. The establishment of a central index is not a complex technical or programming problem; but even before a specific system is selected, we must identify the categories of documents and the key issues to be indexed. In order to begin this initial phase of the index, I am organizing a group to address the questions:

a. What documents are to be included in the index?

b. What are the key issues to be coded?

4. Please advise me of your nominees for this group
by COB 14 July.



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